Dublin Dec 6. 1847

Dear Mrs Chapman

I received your note via Cumberland. when I left the Hotel to go from Mr Haig I read it, & owing to some of its peculiar circumstances such as your theology, and some particulars only fit for a hopeful boy & directing me to pay attention to some other passages that I should understand a dictionary such as is an unfinished in others sent the whole to best for presentation to the publishers. The danger in Mr Haig's case is that he may think some things much more important to speculate than they possibly would be labour to think them. From the tenor of your note I flatter myself that you & I would agree very well as to what should be stated & what should not. The mistake about sending the Dublin Boston to New York was not for want of paying they should go to Boston—but because

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when Mrs Edmunds sent it she were thought they could be sent elsewhere. It is very difficult to find out the truth. How little many found that Declaim could not be in time I dont know, for I have only just heard from Lyford that Mr Graves without directions had sent the box by sail instead of by steam although I repeated his name, done so twice. However the goods are good goods, & cheap. The quantity sent is more than there is money to meet & I think Graves said the freight was to be paid in Boston. I have heard nothing lately from Cumberland nor from home. We are in some anxiety just now as my eldest daughter Deborah, age about 20, & of a delicate constitution is in a low fever which is a rather prevalent complaint just now in this country. Mrs Smith is her only nurse — the rest have no time so that her time is greatly taken up with the poor invalid. I had a very charming letter lately from your sister Anna. It is a great treat to me to hear from your sisters now and then. For many long years I have not felt

to take a boy leaving home after the
holidays as when I left Rome last
April after my thirteen days peaceful
the most delightful County of the
Seaboard of Eastern States

I am Dear ever truly

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